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In response to the Official Action mailed April 30, 2004, please consider the remarks and amendments herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Office issue a refund of \$344.00 and credit Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

Your help in this matter is requested. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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